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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of its establishment.

Whereas, The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, originally known as the Archdiocese of Vincennes, was established by Pope Gregory XVI on May 6, 1834;

Whereas, At that time, the Archdiocese consisted of the entire state of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois; Illinois was added to the Diocese of Chicago on November 28, 1843;

Whereas, On January 8, 1857, the northern half of Indiana

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became the Diocese of Fort Wayne, and the remaining southern half of Indiana comprised the Diocese of Vincennes, encompassing 50 counties and covering 18,479 square miles extending from the northern boundaries of Marion County and the adjacent counties to the Ohio River and from Illinois on the west to Ohio on the east;

Whereas, In 1878, Bishop Francis Chatard, the fifth bishop of Vincennes, was directed to establish his residence in Indianapolis although the site of the cathedral and the title of the see were continued at Vincennes;

Whereas, By apostolic brief dated March 28, 1898, the title of the diocese was changed to the Diocese of Indianapolis, and His Holiness Pope Pius XII created the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by apostolic decree on October 21, 1944;

Whereas, Today there are 151 parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, with over 22,000 Hoosiers enrolled in Catholic elementary and high schools;

Whereas, There are two Catholic hospitals, two seminaries, and two Catholic colleges serving the people of central and southern Indiana in the Archdiocese;

Whereas, Each year Catholic Charities helps 110,000 Hoosiers and helps to resettle 500 refugee families from across the world;

Whereas, Throughout its rich historical past and up to the present day, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been supported by the efforts of countless parishioners and ministries, who have sustained their community with kindness and good deeds; and

Whereas, The bishops, priests, and nuns of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have tended to the flock for 175 years, helping in time of despair and rejoicing in times of elation: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on the 175th anniversary
3 of its creation and acknowledges its many good works and
4 contributions to our state and our citizens throughout the years.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Archbishop Daniel
7 M. Buechlein.

